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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Application No.: 09/870,672 | | | Examiner: F. Mathew | | | | |
| Filed: June 1, 2001 | | | Confirmation No.: 8651 | | | | |
| For: I | IMPLANTABLE TUBULAR DEVICE |) | | | | | |
| | AMENDMENT/REPLY T | <u>RA</u> | NSMITTAL LETTER | | | | |
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| | losed is a reply for the above-identified pa | | | | | | |
| [X] | A Petition for Extension of Time is also | enc | losed. | | | | |
| [] | A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.0 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed. | 0 (2 | 814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 | | | | |
| [] | Also enclosed is/are | | * | | | | |
| [] | Small entity status is hereby claimed. | | | | | | |
| [] | Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). | | | | | | |
| | [] Applicant(s) previously submitted _ on | _, fe | or which continued examination is requested. | | | | |
| [] | Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. | | | | | | |
| [] | A Request for Entry and Consideration (1809/2809) is also enclosed. | of S | ubmission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) | | | | |
| [X] | No additional claim fee is required. | | | | | | |
| [] | An additional claim fee is required, and | is c | alculated as shown below: | | | | |

| Wasan Company | | AMENDED | CLAIM | S | | |
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| | No. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADDT'L FEE | |
| Total Claims | 32 | MINUS 30 = | 2 | × \$18.00 (1202) = | 36.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 4 | MINUS 3 = | 1 | × \$84.00 (1201) = | 84.00 | |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203) | | | | | | |
| Total Amendment Fee | | | | | | |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONA | L FEE DUE | FOR THIS AME | NDMENT | | \$120.00 | |

| A CI | iim tee in | the amount | 01 \$ | is enclosed. |
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[X] Charge \$ 120.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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